

Morphine



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What is Morphine?



- Opiate, derived from the poppy plant
- Narcotic, used to treat moderate to severe pain
- Not given for pain after surgery unless it was being used before surgery
- Tablet, syrup, injection



Slang

Brand Names

- AVINZA
- Kadian
- MS Contin



Street Names

- Duramorph
- M
- Miss Emma
- Monkey
- Roxanol
- white Stuff

where the name came from

The drug was named after Morpheus, the greek god of dreams, because it sedates the users of the drug.



Physical Effects

Some medications, like steroids or LSD, can affect the way the abuser looks.

MORPHINE DOES NOT.

However, the way someone looks after abusing morphine can change due to the wear and tear it does on your body and the addiction itself; this means that the actual drug doesn't do anything to harm the person's body.

Changes in the abusers physical appearance can include;

SLEEPINESS

NAUSEA

CONSTIPATION

CONFUSION/ HALLUCINATION

EXCESSIVE SWEATING-

WHICH CAUSES PIMPLES

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Before and Afters





Psychological Effects

- There are multiple mood/psychological effects of morphine:
 - A feeling of euphoria
 - Impaired mental performance
 - Inability to pay attention to surroundings
 - Preoccupation with the drug
 - Continued use despite knowing the physical effects
 - Poor judgement

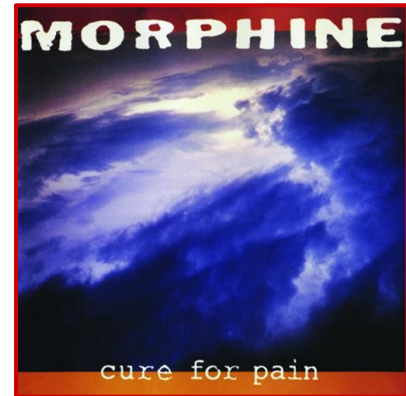


How is it seen in our society?

Today Morphine is regarded as a highly controlled drug prescribed by doctors to treat severe pain

- Media has skewed perception of the drug, linking it to connotations with rebellion and danger
 - Ex: Alt rock band from the 90s, 'Morphine'
 - Famous literary character, Sherlock Holmes, dabbled in morphine use
- Media has also gone to the extreme of portraying morphine addicts as junkies who steal and self absorbed narcissists with lack of morals
 - Morphine is often brought up in the death of celebrities

Extremes of the perception of the drug both encourage use and discourage addicts from seeking help.



Treatments



Severity of addiction will determine which type of treatment an addict will undergo

- **Residential Treatment**
 - Addict lives at treatment facility for 30 to 90 days to attend treatment sessions and counseling daily
- **Outpatient Program**
 - Addict resides at home but attends 2-4 hour treatment sessions three times a week around their work or school schedule
- **Sober Living**
 - Recovering addict lives with other addicts in a sober living situation
- **Counseling**
 - Works as a follow up method of support or to prevent relapse; helps find root cause of addiction and repair relationships

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